

**OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 299 of 1980**

**339.1201 Definitions.**

Sec. 1201. As used in this article:

- (a) "Apprentice" means an individual engaged in learning cosmetology in a cosmetology establishment.
- (b) "Braiding" means providing or offering to the general public for compensation any of the following services solely for development or improvement of physical qualities of the natural hair structure:
  - (i) Intertwining in a systematic motion to create patterns in a 3-dimensional form.
  - (ii) Inversion or outversion flat against the scalp along the part of a straight or curved row.
  - (iii) Twisting in a systematic motion.
  - (iv) Extension with natural or synthetic fibers.
- (c) "Cosmetologist" means an individual who renders or offers to render cosmetology services.
- (d) "Cosmetology" means 1 of the following services or a combination of the following services:
  - (i) Hair care services.
  - (ii) Skin care services.
  - (iii) Manicuring services.
  - (iv) Electrology.
- (e) "Cosmetology establishment" means the premises on which cosmetology or 1 or more of its services are rendered or are offered to be rendered. Cosmetology establishment does not include a school of cosmetology.
- (f) "Electrologist" means an individual who renders or offers to render electrology.
- (g) "Electrology" means the permanent removal of hair from the body of an individual by the use of electricity.
- (h) "Esthetician" means an individual who renders or offers to render skin care services.
- (i) "Hair care services" means arranging, cutting, dressing, curling, waving, cleansing, singeing, bleaching, coloring, tinting, trimming, styling, relaxing, perming, straightening, or similar work upon the hair of the head or a wig that an individual is wearing.
- (j) "Instructor" means an individual who teaches or offers to teach 1 or more cosmetology services in a school of cosmetology.
- (k) "Manicuring services" means the cleansing, filing, shaping, buffing, polishing, or beautifying of the nails of the hands or feet, and the cleansing, massaging, stimulating, exercising, or beautifying of the skin of the hands, arms, and feet, manually or with the use of tools, appliances, or cosmetic preparations, including the repair of nails, or the creation or decoration of artificial nails. Manicuring services do not include the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery as defined in section 18001 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.18001.
- (l) "Manicurist" means an individual who renders or offers to render manicuring services.
- (m) "Natural hair cultivation" means techniques that result in tension on hair strands such as twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking, or braiding of the hair by hand, which work does not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, or other preparations to alter the color or to straighten, curl, or alter the structure of the hair.
- (n) "Natural hair culturist" means a person engaged in natural hair cultivation but does not include a person engaged in natural hair cultivation if that activity is performed as part of the practice of a recognized religion.
- (o) "Owner" means a person who owns and conducts a cosmetology establishment or a school of cosmetology.
- (p) "School of cosmetology" means the premises where cosmetology or 1 or more of its services are taught.
- (q) "Skin care services" includes the following services or combination of services:
  - (i) Beautifying the skin of the body of an individual by the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams, including body wrapping.
  - (ii) Cleansing or stimulating the skin of the body by the use of the hands, devices, apparatus, or appliances, with or without the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams.
  - (iii) The temporary removal of hair from the body of an individual by the use of depilatories, waxes, razors, scissors, clippers, or tweezers.
  - (iv) Giving facials, applying removable makeup, applying eyelashes, or any other application of a preparation or beauty enhancement to the body of an individual but does not include applying permanent makeup or the use of tanning equipment.
- (r) "Student" means an individual engaged in learning cosmetology or 1 or more of its services in a school

of cosmetology.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of certain occupational functions, boards, and commissions from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at MCL 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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